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To the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Michele McBrien. I am writing in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the following proposed bills: HB 6667 and HB 6816. I am a responsible party on the FFL of a business that my husband and I own, I am a firearms' instructor, competitive shooter and have been around firearms all my life.

As for HB 6818, this has been discussed in prior years. Nothing in this proposed bill will make this state safer, period. Microstamping has been dissected and shown to be unattainable as proposed.

Now for the atrocity called HB 6667. This is an absolute over reach with no facts, reasoning or logic. This is being proposed and supported by those who are lacking the understanding of firearms. I can understand how those without the proper knowledge think this makes sense but those of you in positions of making laws **NEED** to understand facts, fundamentals and logic, not just feelings and concerns. What YOU the lawmakers should be doing is looking at the **WHY, not the HOW**. The how is the firearms (aka a tool), you need to look at the WHO and WHY. It is **NOT law abiding** citizens!!! This bill says it is for addressing Gun Violence. Show me where ANY of this proposed nonsense will stop CRIMINALS? Last I checked criminals **DO NOT** follow the law, hence why they are criminals. This bill does, however, take A LOT away from the law abiding citizens of this state. Gov. Lamont even went to far as to state on record that there are too many **LEGAL** firearms in this state.....how can you not see how absurd that statement is? The legal firearms are **NOT** the problem.

Although there are problems with EACH aspect highlighted in this proposed bill, I am only going to highlight a few issues. The first is the State Level Dealer License and Regulation portion. As I stated, I am a responsible party on our companies FFL. We already have very stringent regulations that we must adhere to by the ATF. The purpose of this would only be to allow this state (which has proven time and again, their stance on firearms and the firearms industry) to harass and push gun stores out of business. Because if you hate guns, the best way to rid the state of guns is to shut down those selling or affiliated with them. That way you can say you didn't infringe on anyone's Constitutional rights, there just is a limited, if any, place to get them. This is a **HARD NO** for me! As for the portions of the one gun a month, the proposed bans of others, prebans, rimfire semi automatic rifles (making them AOWs), limitations on where you can carry and how, these do absolutely **NOTHING** to prevent gun violence. These are ONLY infringements in sheep's clothing to limit our ability to obtain firearms in the manner of legal terms which is an infringement period. Bad intentions can not be regulated.

In closing, we hear all the time, do not blame the actions of a select few to affect a group as a whole. We need to be accepting of all and lay the blame where it belongs. Well, here is your chance. Start blaming the few causing the Gun Violence, actually prosecute those who are breaking the law to the fullest extent of the law. **Do not blame ALL gun owners for the actions of those breaking the law.** I, We, are not to blame. I am not the bad guy. I have had ENOUGH.

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